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Report of the Secretary-General

The present paper is a summary of the report containing the Committee's contribution to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).[1] The report describes the discussions on the item held at the first session of the Committee, in which Member States stressed the need for an appropriate geospatial information infrastructure at all levels (local, national, regional, global) as a basis for accurate description, sound analysis and monitoring, and evidence-based decision-making on the state of the environment and ecosystems. Member States also stressed that the Committee was in a unique position to act as a coordinating body to ensure that all Member States benefited from the value of geospatial information in the assessment and monitoring of sustainable development and other global challenges. In respect of the two side events sponsored by the Committee at the Conference, the report describes the vital role that authoritative geospatial information is playing in supporting sustainable development across the globe and in providing financial benefits to users. The Committee is invited to take note of the geospatial information-related outcomes of the Conference and express its views on the follow-up activities to the Conference.

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[1] The full report is available in the language of submission only from http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html.

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